

# Man dies from injuries after fight at Sunrise of Alexandria

**Hunter Alexander, 82, was allegedly assaulted by 72-year-old resident in senior facility**

BY CHRIS TEALE

The Alexandria Police Department announced last Friday it is investigating a death that resulted from an assault at a West End senior living facility late last month.

Police said in a statement November 11 that at around 12:30 p.m. October 24, a 72-year-old man assaulted an 82-year-old man inside the Sunrise of Alexandria at 3520 Duke St.

The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he died of his injuries October 26. He was later identified as Hunter Alexander, 82, of Alexandria.

Police said no charges have been filed, and that the decision on whether to file charges is in the hands of the commonwealth's attorney's office. Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter did not respond to requests for comment.

Nancy Bull, chief administrator at the Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's Northern District Office, said

Alexander died from complications from a blunt force trauma to the hip. Blunt force trauma is sustained from injury, impact or physical attack, but does not necessarily require a weapon.

Sunrise Senior Living spokeswoman Jennifer Clark declined to answer specific questions about the incident, including whether the alleged assailant remains a resident at the facility. She said in a statement that the organization expressed their condolences.

"We are deeply saddened by this loss to our family," Clark



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Hunter Alexander, 82, died last month from injuries he sustained in an altercation with another resident at the Sunrise of Alexandria senior living facility on Duke Street. The slaying was the sixth in the city this year.

said. "We immediately notified all proper authorities when the incident occurred three weeks ago, and the police commenced

an investigation right away. It would not be appropriate to dis-

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**GOOD TIMES IN ALEXANDRIA** The arts and history collided this weekend in Alexandria, as the city hosted the annual Alexandria Film Festival as well as a replica of the 16th century Spanish ship El Galeon. **For more photos, see page 26.**

# Local Republicans optimistic despite low presidential turnout

**Advocacy group plans support for immigrant community**

BY ERICH WAGNER

Alexandria Republicans were hopeful this week about the prospect of a Donald Trump presidency, despite a local vote total that was significantly lower than Mitt Romney's in 2012. But Democrats took a less rosy view of the new balance of power.

Trump won the presidency last week with 290 Electoral College votes as of Wednesday. But in Virginia, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton won with 49.8 percent of the

vote statewide, bolstered by a strong victory in Alexandria.

As of Tuesday, Clinton led in the city with 75.6 percent of ballots cast, compared with only 17.5 percent of Alexandrians voting for Trump. The numbers provided some solace for local Democrats, who saw their numbers swell over the 2012 presidential election, when President Barack Obama received 71 percent of the vote.

Starker than the increase in Democratic turnout was the fall in Republican voter turnout in the presidential race. Trump's 17.5 percent of the vote represents a drop of 10 full percent-

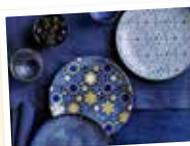
age points from Romney's tally of 27.5 percent in 2012, while more than 4,000 more people in Alexandria voted for Republican District 8 congressional candidate Charles Hernick than for Trump.

Sean Lenehan, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee, said his group was still digesting the results of the election locally, but noted that there was a contingent of the so-called "Never Trump" movement — Republicans for whom the nominee was an unacceptable candidate — among

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## THE WEEKLY BRIEFING

### COMMEMORATING ALEXANDRIA'S BRAVEST

Members of the Class of 1959 from the United States Military Academy at West Point carry a wreath to lay at the statuette of Capt. Rocky Versace during the city's Veterans Day ceremony. The event paid tribute to the 67 Alexandrians who either died in the Vietnam War or are missing in action, as well as other service members and their families. The organizers, the Friends of Rocky Versace, were joined by other dignitaries including Lise Harvey, regent of the Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who handed out commemorative certificates for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War to those who served and survived.



PHOTO/CHRIS TEALE

## Chamber of commerce honors businesses at Salute to Veterans awards

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce honored four local businesses last Thursday, as well as community member Charlie Euripides at its Salute to Veterans event, held at Mount Vernon.

The program recognizes businesses that demonstrate leadership in hiring and empowering veterans and transitioning service members, or represent the entrepreneurial success of a local veteran business owner. The second portion of the program recognizes a local resident as a Distinguished Patriot.

Businesses and organizations honored this year were @home real estate; the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria; Mr. Handyman of Northern Virginia — Arlington to Haymarket; and Sonoma Cellar. Each recipient received a personalized congratulatory letter and flag from U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.), while former Gov. Jim Gilmore (R) was also in attendance.

Barbara Carson, associate administrator at the Office of Veterans Business Development of the U.S. Small Busi-

ness Administration, gave the keynote address.

"The Alexandria chamber is deeply proud to honor these businesses and distinguished patriots and thank them for their service both on and off the battlefield," said chamber president and CEO Joe Haggerty in a statement. "Their commitment to our country and Alexandria should never be forgotten and we greatly appreciate their continued service to strengthening and enhancing our community."

- Chris Teale

## Local resident wins statewide screenwriting competition

An Alexandrian was one of three winners of the 2016 Virginia Screenwriting Competition announced Monday, held annually by the Virginia Film Office.

Jesse Robinson won for his production "Where Teardrops Fall," described as a "darkly comedic film noir." Set in Northern Virginia, protagonist Dominic works as a government hitman to pay off his student loans until the weariness of the work forces him to reconsider his method of repayment.

Robinson is a writer, director and editor with a Master in Fine Arts from the USC School of Cinematic Arts. His first feature film, "Young and Innocent," was shot exclusively in Virginia and is currently in post-production.

With fellow winners Ron Basso and Eric Carlson, both of Virginia Beach, Robinson received \$1,000 at the Virginia Film Festival, held in Charlottesville earlier this month.

Among the other finalists was another city resident, Al-

exander Mesmer, whose film "Space People" was about a suburban couple and a recently arrived immigrant, who develop a friendship and learn life lessons from each other after the latter is hired as a landscaper.

The Virginia Screenwriting Competition is held annually and is open to Virginia residents. The majority of the script must take place in Virginia or at locations that can reasonably be found in Virginia.

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## CRIME

### Pedestrian recovering from injuries after crash on North Beauregard Street

A pedestrian is recovering in a local hospital after sustaining serious injuries after being struck by a car on the West End last Saturday night.

Officers from the Alexandria Police Department responded to the intersection of North Beauregard Street and Rayburn Avenue at approxi-

mately 11:37 p.m. November 12 after reports of a crash.

Department spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said a male pedestrian was intoxicated, and ran across the roadway outside of the crosswalk before being struck. Nosal said the driver of the vehicle stayed on the scene and cooperated with officers.

The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries. Nosal said Wednesday he is no longer in serious condition.

Anyone with further information is asked to call the Alexandria Police Department’s non-emergency number at 703-746-4444. - Chris Teale

### Man robs Eisenhower Avenue Subway at gunpoint

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating the robbery at gunpoint of the Subway restaurant at 2361 Eisenhower Ave., which took place Saturday.

Officers responded to the

area at approximately 6:46 p.m. November 12 after reports of the robbery. Department spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said a male suspect brandished a firearm and stole cash before fleeing. Nosal said there were

no injuries.

Anyone with further information is asked to call the Alexandria Police Department’s non-emergency number at 703-746-4444.

- Chris Teale

### Man robbed of personal items in apartment on Edsall Road

A man had personal items stolen from his Edsall Road apartment by a male and a female suspect last week, after they initially demanded money.

Officers from the Alexandria Police Department responded to the 6000 block of Edsall Road at approximately

9:51 p.m. November 8 after reports of the robbery.

Department spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said the suspects knew the victim, and arrived at his apartment demanding he give them money.

When he said he did not have any, they allegedly stole

items from his home instead.

Nosal said the victim was not injured.

Anyone with further information about this incident is asked to call the Alexandria Police Department’s non-emergency number at 703-746-4444.

- Chris Teale

### Joseph A. Bank on South Washington Street robbed at gunpoint

The Joseph A. Bank menswear store on South Washington Street was robbed at gunpoint Monday night, with the suspect stealing cash before fleeing the scene.

Officers from the Alexandria Police Department re-

sponded to the store at 728 S. Washington St. at approximately 9:29 p.m. November 14 after reports of the robbery. Department spokeswoman Crystal Nosal had no details on the suspect, except that he brandished a firearm and stole cash.

There were no injuries, Nosal said.

Anyone with further information is asked to call the Alexandria Police Department’s non-emergency number at 703-746-4444.

- Chris Teale

## POLICE BEAT

The following incidents occurred between November 9 and November 16.



\*Editor’s note: Police reports are not considered public information in Virginia. The Alexandria Police Department is not required to supply the public at large with detailed information on criminal cases. Source: raidsonline.com



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cuss further details, as we must respect the privacy of those involved. We remain focused on providing our cherished residents with a safe, nurturing home.”

All questions posed to the Alexandria facility about the incident were referred to Clark. Alexandria Police Department spokeswoman Crystal Nosal had no further details on the incident as of press time. Nosal declined to comment on the timing of the announcement relative to when the incident occurred.

The Washington Post reported that Alexander was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and taught Russian at Georgetown University before he retired. His niece Margy Alexander told The Post that he had lived at Sunrise for about five years, and spent the majority of his life in Alexandria.

“I don’t think it was malicious,” Alexander told The Post. “I think it was just an unfortunate accident, probably one that shouldn’t have happened.”

Sunrise has 316 communities in the U.S., Canada and the UK, serving more than 30,000 residents. It provides independent living, assisted living, memory care and short-term stays among other services for seniors.

In a fact sheet posted online, Sunrise said at least once a month, regional officials review standards in resident care, clinical operations, regulatory and compliance, dining, facilities and maintenance and human resources and training.

Carol Downs, chairwoman of the city’s commission on aging, said she had never heard of a

similar incident in a senior living facility, and that it was worrying.

“We are always concerned when it involves something as serious as this, and any time it involves the safety of seniors,” she said. “[It’s] something we all hope would never happen, and I don’t know how to prevent it.”

Mary Lee Anderson, executive director of local nonprofit Senior Services of Alexandria, said she was shocked by the news and had similarly never heard of such an incident, but declined to comment further given the lack of details.

Both noted that if the facility is found to be at fault during the criminal investigation, the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman would step in to address any underlying issues in an attempt to prevent such an event from happening in the future. Calls to the ombudsman’s main line were not returned.

Downs said the commission on aging will monitor the situation and ask its police liaison for a full update at its next meeting. She said anyone concerned about similar incidents while considering a senior living facility for either themselves or a family member should do their research.

“Certainly to do your homework when you’re looking at living facilities, and that’s not to cast any dispersion on Sunrise or any particular facility, but just to really check out facilities,” Downs said. “Find out what their guidelines would be as far as safety of the residents.”

This is the sixth homicide of the year in the city.

The first took place in April,

when Melaku Abraha was assaulted and robbed on the 200 block of S. Alfred St. and later died of his injuries. In May, Shakeel Baldon, 43, was stabbed on Lincolnia Road and died from his injuries in a local hospital.

In June, Pierre Clark was shot on the 1000 block of Montgomery St., then in July Saquan Hall was shot on the 1000 block of First St. On October 5, Rolf Marshall was shot inside his Duke Street residence.

The only unsolved murder from this year is that of Clark, with police having made arrests in all other cases.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Detective Bikeramjit Gill with the Alexandria Police Department at 703-746-6751.

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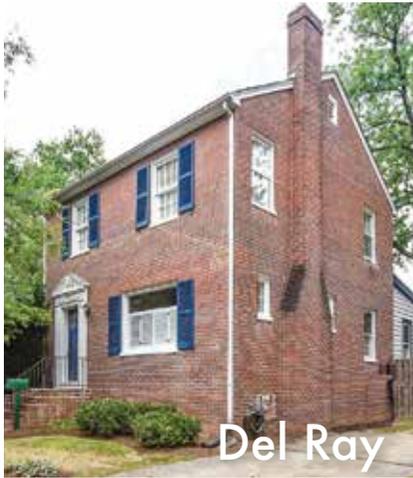
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# Council votes to accelerate Oronoco Bay sewage fix

**Environmentalists criticize sewer plan update as too slow**

BY CHRIS TEALE

City councilors last week unanimously approved a plan to accelerate projects to reduce the outfall of raw sewage into Oronoco Bay, but environmental advocates said not enough is being done.

At its legislative meeting November 9, council agreed to a proposal by the city's department of transportation and environmental services that updates the long-term sewer control plan approved last May.

Under the revised plan, the study examining the feasibility of correcting the sewage outfall into Oronoco Bay in the Potomac River would accelerate to 2018, while additional funding for so-called green infrastructure and sewer separation would be made available.

At the meeting, city transportation director Yon Lambert also said engineering assessments would be carried out in 2026, six years earlier than originally planned. Under the long-term control plan as it was approved in May, study of the Oronoco Bay outfall is not called for until 2032.

The city is mandated by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to regulate outfalls into Hunting Creek and Hoofs Run as part of the cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay, into which they drain via the Potomac River. But while VDEQ does not mandate the same regulation in Oronoco Bay, the city is pursuing remediation voluntarily.

"Alexandria is fully committed being a strong environmental steward and to significantly reducing combined sewer overflows from all four city outfalls, including Oronoco Bay," said Mayor Allison Sil-



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**“ I thank them for paying attention. I think this is a step, and I thank them for it, but it's a modest step. For the foreseeable future, we're going to continue to be throwing a great deal of sewage into the Potomac River. ... I'm hopeful that ... it will be possible to considerably accelerate that timetable for dealing with outfall No. 1.”**

- Jack Sullivan, Resident

berberg. “[Given] the magnitude of the construction that will be necessary, the city's timeline is a reasonable and responsible approach to addressing this important issue. It will take years to complete these projects, and we are committed to taking action and moving forward.”

The plan approved by council in May will cost upwards of \$188 million, while the cost to fully address the Oronoco Bay outfall would add up to an extra \$130 million. Council instructed staff to examine various scenarios for

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## BUSINESS

# Old Town retailers reframing sign debate

### A-frame signs: valuable marketing tools or clutter?

BY JAMES CULLUM

Some Old Town retailers are crying foul over the recent enforcement of the city's long-standing prohibition against A-frame signs in front of their shops on sidewalks along King Street. The first offense is met with a \$100 fine, followed by \$250 and then \$500 for additional offenses.

"This is the holiday season when businesses are doing everything they can to promote themselves," said Victoria Vergason, owner of The Hour at 1015 King St. "A-frame signs are an affordable marketing tool for businesses."

Vergason has owned the Hour for seven years, and admits to illegally posting an A-frame, for which she paid \$200, outside her store for the last four years.

"I knew when I opened it was not something the city would allow," she said. "But over time, they started allowing side streets to have A-frames, and it crept around to King Street."

The city's policy against A-frame signs dates back to 1981, but lack of enforcement led to a widespread disregard for the rules. Some retailers on King Street found themselves at a disadvantage for years, as nearby stores had their A-frame signs — legal on side streets, but not the main drag — displayed and unregulated.

In 2009, city officials offered a compromise through its Wayfinding Signage Program, providing a "coordinated A-frame" program in Old Town to reduce visual clutter by listing businesses on every respective block of King Street.

But the system was prone to neglect, as it would take time to amend those signs with

the arrival and departure of merchants. It has since been updated, and new signs with replaceable nameplates are planned for installation at intersections on King Street.

Safety and clutter concerns came to a head last year, and city council created an ad hoc group of 16 representatives from business, civic, historic and neighborhood groups. That group met eight times until last May, when city council approved the planning commission's recommendation to prohibit the nongovernmental signs in public rights-of-way in the Old and Historic District.

That means A-frames are allowed in front of businesses throughout the city, except in Old Town, said Danielle Romanetti, who served on the ad hoc group and owns Fibre Space at 1219 King St.

"While the city wasn't enforcing the signs, we experienced an enormous turnover of business and now have empty storefronts all over town," Romanetti said. "The A-frame signs obviously weren't helping to keep businesses alive and strong. And many of us who are doing well do not have these signs."

"As business owners, our attention should be focused on how to activate our public spaces, enhance the beauty of our streetscape and attract locals from the DMV to Old Town to shop and dine."

Compounding the issue is a September 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision, which found that Gilbert, Ariz., could not regulate the size or content of religious signs. The decision meant previous restrictions in Alexandria banning retailers from mentioning their products or services on signs could be deemed unconstitutional.



PHOTO/CHRIS TEALE

“This is the place where we have one of the biggest problems with retail, so why are we taking away one of their tools?”

- Jody Manor, Owner, Bittersweet

It also meant retailers potentially could post any message on their signs, and that vacant space on A-frames could be sold for corporate advertising and marketing efforts.

In May, council added instructions that the newly adopted regulations be revisited in six and then 12 months. And now a new petition to reconvene the committee has 120 signatures.

One of the signers is Jody Manor, owner of Bittersweet Catering, which was a cafe in the 800 block of King St. for over 30 years. Manor wrote a letter in the November 3 edition of the Times decrying the newly enforced regulations.

"It's foolish on the city's part with all this upheaval of businesses and empty storefronts," Manor said. "I invite you to walk up King Street, up those 17 blocks between the waterfront and the Metro.

So, the answer is to make them legal everywhere else in the city? This is the place where we have one of the biggest problems with retail, so why are we taking away one of their tools?"

Vice Mayor Justin Wilson said he is open to further discussion.

"When we started to look at this issue, we did what we do in Alexandria and made a committee," he said. "The chamber was represented, and I believe all of the players in the picture were pretty representative of the community. They met for quite a while, worked through this and came to the conclusion that a change was not only necessary but appropriate.

"I understand there are concerns out there, and we can certainly have a conversation about a desire to revisit this. Nothing is ever final in Alexandria, of course."

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# Proposed business improvement district gains traction

**Commercial properties would pay 10-cent tax, residences exempt**

BY CHRIS TEALE

More details emerged Tuesday morning on the planned business improvement district for Old Town and the redeveloping waterfront, which is planned for a vote by city council next spring.

In a presentation to the city's waterfront commission, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership president and CEO Stephanie Landrum said commercial properties within the BID's boundaries would pay an extra 10-cent tax per \$100 of assessed value to fund it, while residential properties would be exempt.

The BID's proposed boundaries would encapsulate the King Street retail and commercial corridor between the King Street Metro station and the waterfront, the area captured in the city council-approved waterfront small area plan and Washington Street in the city limits.

North Old Town would be excluded from the BID in its current form, due to the ongoing revamp of its small area plan, although Landrum said it could be added once the district is up and running.

During her presentation, Landrum stressed that no residences will be taxed, only businesses.

"That is a 100 percent foundational aspect of this group," she said. "... There was no debate about this, and there is no intention that residents pay."

A BID has been under discussion for some time. The waterfront commission's governance subcommittee studied various models for funding maintenance and programming on the waterfront, which staff

said is not financially feasible for city control as it would cost more than managing city parks.

The subcommittee recommended the BID as its preferred option for further study in May, while the city's MGM readiness task force similarly suggested it for further study as one way the MGM National Harbor resort across the Potomac River can be leveraged to help Alexandria.

In addition, several business and property owners approached city council about the idea and were awarded \$25,000 for fiscal 2017 through the city budget's add/delete process to study it. The Old Town BID Exploratory Committee was thus formed, and met over the summer.

Landrum said the exploratory committee decided on several priorities for the BID during their discussions: management of public spaces; business advocacy and information dissemination; finding solutions to transportation and parking issues; beautifying the area; marketing Old Town as a brand; and event programming.

"It does not mean that the city would give up responsibility or stop maintaining," she said. "What it means is that our properties would get a higher level of service, and we have paid a fee to have that."

In an interview after the meeting, Landrum said the Old Town Business and Professional Association, an all-volunteer organization that advocates for the area's businesses, could have its mission folded into the BID's work and be phased out, or it could continue to exist in some form.

"Right now, those groups are voluntary," she said. "People pay dues, so it's not very representative. For a BID, everyone



FILE/PHOTO

The planned business improvement district for Old Town and the waterfront is gathering steam, with city council set to vote on the proposal next year.

will be paying in so then they are all forced into this larger mechanism that is more powerful, is more representative, has a stronger voice."

David Remington, AEDP's senior associate for commercial real estate, said the tax on businesses would raise approx-

imately \$2.2 million each year, while additional revenue can be raised through ticket sales from events, voluntary contributions and other fundraising.

Remington said approximately 35 percent of the BID's annual budget would be spent on making the area cleaner

and safer, 37 percent would go to branding and marketing for Old Town, 21 percent would be spent on improving the streetscape and 7 percent would pay for administrative costs.

He said the BID must exist

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PRECINCT	2016		2012	
	Clinton	Trump%	Obama	Romney
Citywide	75.6	17.5	71.0	27.5
Absentee	78.6	15.4	71.0	28.1
Ladrey Senior Center	68.2	24.5	62.6	36.7
City Hall	61.5	28.9	57.7	41.1
Lyles Crouch Elementary	70.0	23.2	63.2	35.3
Durant Center	71.7	20.3	66.7	31.4
Lee Center	71.7	20.3	66.7	31.4
Cora Kelly Center	79.3	13.1	78.7	19.7
Mount Vernon Rec Center	76.6	15.6	75.5	22.9
George Washington Middle	77.0	14.1	75.9	22.6
Fire Department HQ	66.8	23.2	67.4	31.0
Charles Houston Rec Center	78.9	13.0	N/A	N/A
Matthew Maury Elementary	74.8	17.29	67.8	31.0
George Mason Elementary	68.3	22.5	59.9	39.4
Agudas Achim Synagogue	77.3	15.4	71.1	27.3
Blessed Sacrament Church	68.6	22.6	62.1	36.5
Douglas MacArthur Elementary	69.2	22.1	64.6	33.9
Chinquapin Park Rec Center	72.5	20.8	71.0	27.8
Temple Beth El	69.3	23.1	67.3	31.1
Nova Arts Center	76.2	17.2	70.0	28.4
James K. Polk Elementary	77.2	17.4	75.9	22.9
The Hermitage/ St. James Church	69.3	23.6	66.7	32.3
Patrick Henry Rec Center	79.3	13.9	79.8	18.8
Beatley Central Library	80.1	14.9	78.2	20.4
Samuel Tucker Elementary	79.1	14.6	79.4	19.1
John Adams Elementary	81.1	14.1	80.9	17.7
William Ramsay Elem.	83.9	12.0	82.2	16.4
South Port Apts.	76.4	19.4	74.8	23.7
Cameron Station Community Center	N/A	N/A	66.7	32.3

SOURCE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

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the local party's active members that could explain the turnout differential.

"Even in the primary, Trump came in fourth in Alexandria," Lenehan said. "Since that time, a lot of Republican support has slowly solidified and rallied behind the candidate.

"And while historically, Alexandria relative to the Democrats sees lower Republican participation, we crunched the numbers, and support for the Republican congressional candidate was in line with what we were hoping. So that gives us hope and we're excited about that."

Lenehan said he supported Trump since relatively early in

the Republican primary campaign. He said he values Trump's insight as a business leader, and hopes he brings a business-focused mentality to government.

"His focus revolved around nationalism vs. a globalist perspective, helping American businesses, helping level the playing field on different trade agreements and helping our schools," Lenehan said.

Former Republican City Councilor Frank Fannon said although support for Trump was low in Alexandria, he believes the real estate tycoon's appeal came from what he described as an "issue-based campaign." Fannon declined to say for whom he voted.

"What happened here na-

tionally is a lot of people voted for the message as opposed to the man and held their noses," he said. "People wanted a conservative Supreme Court, secure borders, the rule of law, economic opportunities for everyone and lower taxes.

"As for low local turnout, a lot of Alexandrians were re-

ally turned off by the personal flaws and his comments were personally very offensive to a lot of people."

On the Democratic side, Alexandria Democratic Committee chairman Clarence Tong was heartened by the local enthusiasm for Clinton, who saw an increase of about

5,000 votes over the city's total for Obama in 2012. Although the national result was shocking, Tong said he and other Virginia Democrats are eager to defend the party's values.

"I think that it is very unfortunate that Trump was elected

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-Dean Naujoks, Potomac Riverkeepers Network



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that outfall with its approval in May, after a minority report by sewer stakeholder group member Jack Sullivan called for an accelerated timeline.

In an interview, Sullivan praised council and staff for what he called a “modest step,” but noted that the city will continue to put tens of thousands of gallons of raw sewage into the Potomac River for years to come.

“I thank them for paying attention. I think this is a step, and I thank them for it, but it’s a modest step,” he said. “For the foreseeable future, we’re going to continue to be throwing a great deal of sewage into the Potomac River. ... I’m hopeful that as we get further down the line on the other outfalls, that it will be possible to considerably accelerate that timetable for dealing with outfall No. 1.”

But councilors came in for criticism at a public hearing last Saturday, as several people came out to voice their strong displeasure with the timeline for fixing the Oronoco Bay outfall. City officials said in a statement that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and VDEQ recognize that such projects have long planning times and can be very disruptive, so using a long-term, phased approach is best.

But that was not enough for environmental advocacy group the Potomac Riverkeepers Net-

work, whose members said they wished to see solutions quicker.

“It is clear you are accelerating a schedule of studies,” said Nicholas Kuttner, vice chairman of the network’s board of directors. “You are not accelerating a cleanup of the Potomac River. Before you spend too much time congratulating yourselves on that, you need to recognize that that does not really impress anybody.”

Potomac river keeper Dean Naujoks said Alexandria is “way behind other cities” in dealing with the problem, which councilors said is widespread and affects more than 800 cities nationwide with similarly old sewer systems. Alexandria’s dates back to the early 1800s.

Naujoks said given the river’s use, such conditions cannot be allowed to continue.

“You’ve got a plan that’s pretty good. You’re fixing [three] outfalls,” he said. “But you have it backwards. The area where you’re trying to redevelop your waterfront, the area where you have kids at T.C. Williams rowing and swimming are coming in contact with raw sewage. The outfall that discharges the most amount of sewage into the river is the one that’s going to get fixed last, and you need to fix that.”

Naujoks went on to suggest that the Potomac Riverkeepers Network knows more about the long-term sewer control plan than city staff, something City Councilor Paul Smedberg

took exception to.

“That is really an unfair comment to say, given what this council, prior councils and city staff have put into this,” Smedberg said.

“It’s not good enough,” said Naujoks in response. “I’m sorry.”

Naujoks added that the network intends to “embarrass” the city into taking quicker action, and that they may pursue legal action.

The average household sewer bill is expected to increase to between \$660 and \$900 per year to pay for the work at the

three outfalls into Hunting Creek and Hoofs Run. Monthly sewer bills could further increase to a total of 50 percent over today’s amounts. The city also intends to seek state funding from the Virginia General Assembly to help pay for remediating all four outfalls.

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within the laws and policies established by city council, and would be held accountable by them. Remington said the BID would be a 501(c)(6) like chambers of commerce and managed by a board of directors

that includes both residents and business owners. Initially, it would be in existence for a five-year term and subject to council scrutiny.

“This is not something we’re setting up and letting the ship sail away,” he said.

Reaction among commis-

sioners was broadly positive. Howard Bergman, a member of the commission who represents the Founders Park Community Association, said the passive nature of Founders Park must be preserved as it is laid out in the waterfront small area plan.

Steve Muttu, executive director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, a local nonprofit, said the BID must recognize residents’s needs and concerns and keep within city policies.

“We talked about this being a mixed-use community, and while residents are not paying into [the BID], they are a part of it,” he said.

Nathan Macek, vice chairman of the planning commission and a member of the waterfront commission, said the BID will help keep Old Town relevant in an increasingly

competitive region.

“I think this is absolutely what we need to be doing to ensure the success of this business area,” he said.

A series of public meetings on the proposed BID will follow in January, and city council is tentatively slated to vote on creating the new district in March. Councilors will need to approve enabling legislation to create the BID’s tax district and set the tax rate. If established, the BID’s scope and duties would be codified through a memorandum of understanding with the city.

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based on the type of campaign he ran, a very divisive one and not based in concrete policy ideas, and there’s a lot of uncertainty in that transition,” Tong said. “But what I would say is we have a very strong government in Virginia, led by our governor, Terry McAuliffe, and other Democratic statewide officials, not to mention a mayor and city council that is Democratic. So we’re definitely going to be fighting for our values.”

Other local activists are steeling themselves for some of Trump’s more controversial policy proposals to be enacted. Jon Liss, who serves as executive director for progressive advocacy group New Virginia Majority as well as for Tenants and Workers United, a group that advocates and provides support for Northern Virginia’s working poor and immigrant community, said he has received numerous calls from residents frightened by the prospect of mass deportations.

In an interview with CBS’ “60 Minutes,” Trump said he plans to immediately deport between 2 million and 3 million undocumented immigrants “who have criminal records.”

“There are a lot of well-founded fears, and people are deeply troubled and concerned about what it means for their physical safety and life here in Alexandria — we’ve had people coming in all week,” Liss said.

Liss said his group will host a series of community meetings across Northern Virginia to let people air their fears and try to come up with an action plan to support them.

“What can we do to provide support?” Liss asked. “Can we provide legal aid, how would protests and solidarity work if there are massive immigration sweeps? I don’t have the answer yet, but those are the questions we’re asking.”

In the wake of a number of reports across the country of hateful speech, graffiti and bullying in schools and universities, the Alexandria City School Board released a letter Sunday reaffirming principles of “inclusiveness and equity” and highlighting existing non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies.

“Given some of the national stories of different communities having different reactions recently, we thought it was a good idea to set a tone reaffirming our values, making sure we’re expressing our value of diversity and unity in our school system,” said school board chairwoman Karen Graf in an interview.

“It’s quite simple. Any time something happens around the world or around the nation that concerns all of us, it’s the responsibility of leaders to re-establish those values. There was no particular incident here, but how can we do something that’s thoughtful and reassuring for our public and the families we serve?”



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# Council approves Ramsey Homes redevelopment

**Unanimous assent on ARHA property marks end of iterative process**  
 BY CHRIS TEALE

City councilors unanimously approved the redevelopment of the historic yet dilapidated Ramsey Homes Saturday, marking the end of a long and at times contentious debate about the site.

Under the plan submitted by the Alexandria Redevelopment

and Housing Authority, the four buildings that currently house 15 affordable units at 699 N. Patrick St. will be demolished and replaced by one four-story building that will contain 52 mixed-income units.

“Did anybody think we’d see this day?” asked City Councilor Del Pepper after the vote.

Previously, city councilors and planning commissioners had spoken of their desire to pre-

serve at least one of the current Ramsey Homes buildings due to the site’s history as temporary housing built for black defense workers during World War II.

But in June, city council approved a plan to demolish all four of the buildings and replace them with one, which would be moved to the north side of the property to allow

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Under ARHA’s proposal for the Ramsey Homes, the existing 15 units will be replaced by 52 units in one building on North Patrick Street.

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To encourage shoppers to patronize local businesses, random bags will contain gift cards to local eateries or attractions, such as A la Lucia, Pork Barrel BBQ/Sweet Fire Donna/Holy Cow, Port City Brewery, and Alexandria Restaurant Group (all donated gift cards).

Other businesses provided coupons, special deals, give away items, and other treats for shoppers, including discounts from George Washington's Mount Vernon and Historic Alexandria. Every bag will contain maps and

a special surprise from Mount Vernon.

As the voice of business in the city, the chamber works with the various stakeholders in the city, including Visit Alexandria, the Old Town Boutique District, the Del Ray Business Association and the West End Business Association, among others, to ensure Alexandria remains one of the country's top venues for small business shopping.

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## SPORTS

# Titans defeated in first round of playoffs



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Titans running back Jaren Hillian hurdles a prone West Potomac defender in T.C.'s 26-0 loss to the Wolverines last Friday. Hillian rushed for 57 yards on 12 carries in the defeat.

## T.C. football loses 26-0 at rival West Potomac to end season

BY CHRIS TEALE

The T.C. Williams football team's campaign in the Virginia High School League playoffs is

over, after a 26-0 defeat at West Potomac last Friday in the first round of the 6A North bracket.

T.C. entered the tournament with the No. 10 seed after a 5-5 record in the regular season, and came up against

the No. 7 Wolverines, whom the Titans defeated 22-21 earlier in this year on a last-gasp touchdown and two-point conversion.

It did not take long for the home team to put the defeat behind it.

From T.C.'s 37-yard line, senior West Potomac quarterback Mark Ellis threw a pass to tight end Zach Monson, who reached the end zone after finding some running room down the middle. On their first drive of the game and with 9:40 remaining in the first quarter, the completion helped the hosts to an early 7-0 lead.

The Wolverines could have extended their lead later in the first quarter but for a bizarre sequence of plays. From T.C.'s three-yard line, Ellis fumbled the snap and saw the ball recovered by the Titans, who then fumbled it back to West Potomac just two plays later.

With the ball back in their possession and on the Titans' one-yard line, the Wolverines appeared set to rack up more points but lost control of the football again and saw it recovered by T.C., which finally managed to move the ball out of its own red zone and away from danger.



The T.C. Williams football team gathers on the field after its 26-0 loss to West Potomac in the first round of the VHSL 6A North playoffs. It was the Titans' second playoff appearance in 26 years, after the team went 5-5 in the regular season.

**“I think these kids changed it — I think they changed the perception of T.C. Williams. It went from a program that maybe we weren't so proud of, to now where the kids are doing the right things, they're competing hard, we got to the playoffs for the second time in 26 years. I think this group of kids put forth a lot of effort to change the perceptions, so we can move forward.”**

**- James Longerbeam, Head coach, T.C. Williams football**

Titans head coach James Longerbeam said that passage of play was the result of a number of factors.

“I think one, the weather, because the ball was cold,” he said. “The wind was blowing a little bit. And I think it was just nerves and that kind of thing, on both sides.”

On the subsequent drive, the Titans moved the ball to the 45-yard line, but were forced to punt after a stellar stop by the West Potomac defense. But the punt was blocked and picked up by West Potomac's Da'Jon Bellfield, who took advantage of a good bounce and ran in for a touchdown to give the hosts some breathing room.

The score was 13-0 at half-time, and things got worse in the third quarter as second-string West Potomac quarterback Tanner Jones hit Khalil Williams-Diggins and Brandon Lisenby for touchdowns after Ellis left the game with a head injury. That would complete the scoring for West Potomac, which travels to No. 2 Madison on Friday.

But T.C. had plenty of chances to get back into the game, led once again by a strong running game. Early in the second half, the Titans were at West Potomac's 11-yard line, but fumbled and

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handed the ball back to the Wolverines.

And later in the fourth quarter, with the game all but finished, the Titans reached the Wolverines' five-yard line on fourth down but again were stymied by the hosts' goal line defense and turned the ball over on downs.

"We had self-inflicted wounds," Longerbeam said. "We did some stuff to hurt ourselves. But at the end of the day, our kids played hard all the way to the end, which is what we asked them to do."

Tyrese Randall led the Titans' offense with 73 rushing yards on eight carries, while Jaren Hillian added 57 yards on the ground on 12 carries. Quarterback Diondre Charlton went 7-12 for 48 yards through the air.

For West Potomac, Jones threw nine completions for 144 yards and had 55 rushing yards on five attempts.

The defeat marks the end of T.C.'s football season, but

the team's second playoff berth in 26 years represents a marked change from the past two years, when the program went 2-8 each season. Longerbeam said he has a lot to be thankful for after his first season in charge.

"I think these kids changed it — I think they changed the perception of T.C. Williams," he said. "It went from a program that maybe we weren't so proud of, to now where the kids are doing the right things, they're competing hard, we got to the playoffs for the second time in 26 years. I think this group of kids put forth a lot of effort to change the perceptions, so we can move forward."

And while the disappointment of a playoff loss was clear among the Titans' coaches, players and supporters, Longerbeam said his players could hold their heads high, even as they trudged off the field and into the offseason.

"Make sure you finish it the right way," he said, re-

counting his message to the players at the end of the game. "It only takes about 15 seconds for people to forget all the good things you did.

"Finish it right. I understand you're upset and that kind of thing, but at the end of the day you still have to finish it the right way."



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## Playoffs: Teams fall in state tournament semifinals

Several Alexandria high school sports teams reached the semifinals of their respective Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association state tournaments, only to fall short of a berth in the final.

The **St. Stephen's and St. Agnes field hockey** team began its campaign in states with a 3-0 win over local rivals **Episcopal** in the VISAA quarterfinals on November 8.

But in the semifinals on November 11, hosted at Longwood University in Farmville, the Saints lost 2-1 to Trinity Episcopal in overtime. Olivia Gilliam scored SSSAS's only goal of the game.

**Bishop Ireton's boys soccer team** started its VISAA campaign November 7 with a

victory on penalty kicks over Saint John Paul the Great. Matt Breiner and Garrison Norem scored for the Cardinals, while Gabe Gallant and Mike Yates found the net for the Wolfpack.

In the shootout, Ireton goalkeeper Matt Poling made two saves to help his side win 3-1.

The Cardinals faced Potomac at Sports Backers Stadium in Richmond for the semifinal November 9, but lost 1-0 on a goal from Taylor Manderfield.

**Ireton's volleyball team** began its postseason campaign with a 3-1 win in the VISAA quarterfinals November 8 over St. Catherine's, but lost 3-0 in the semifinals November 11 against Bishop O'Connell at Richard Bland College.

- Chris Teale

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**RAMSEY HOMES**

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for ground-level open space at the corner of Pendleton and North Patrick streets.

The Ramsey Homes had been a major source of contention between affordable housing and historic preservation activists as ARHA sought to redevelop the site. Its permit to demolish the current property was initially rejected by the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review in April 2015 but then overturned by council in September 2015.

ARHA presented a plan at that time that would have amended the Braddock East Master Plan, rezoned the property from a townhouse zone to mixed-use and built 53 units in two multi-family buildings.

Last February, the planning commission rejected the plan and council failed to approve the rezoning and master plan amendment following a protest petition from neighbors requir-

ing a supermajority of six votes. Council rescinded that vote days later.

After those decisions, city council and ARHA approved a joint work group and joint work plan in March to foster greater cooperation at all levels, including between staff. Council then approved a proposal to rezone the property and amend the master plan that month.

Since then, the group worked in conjunction with local residents and other stakeholders to produce the final version.

"This has been a long time coming, but I must say I'm proud of the outcome," said Mayor Allison Silberberg. "It's a lot of people coming together, finding that common ground, [with] great input from the neighborhood, the Parker-Gray BAR as well as the board of ARHA ... and the staff of ARHA and our staff."

Under ARHA's plan, 15 of the units would be available to residents whose income is 30 percent

of area median income, with the other 37 available to those making between 30 and 60 percent of area median income.

Current Ramsey Homes resident Marian Mealing praised city councilors and other stakeholders for the work they have done on this project.

"Having done that shows growth, determination and commitment to those of us who already live in affordable housing in the city," she said.

But councilors were perturbed by a condition of the approval which means new residents will not be eligible for on-street parking spaces unless city council approves a comprehensive policy on granting permits for new developments.

City Councilor Paul Smedberg said a policy must be formed and put into practice, and he decried the current practice of considering such a condition on a case-by-case basis.

"We've talked about this for years," he said. "It is not equitable, it is not fair, and until we

have an actual policy in place, I do not think we should be making these individual, one-off determinations."

Smedberg also raised concerns about the quality of materials used in the construction of the new property, and said he hoped it would live up to the renderings produced by the architects.

"These sites are very high-profile in the ARHA portfolio, and I would really hate to see this type of architecture that we're shown and the level of expectation of windows and other types of materials, and immediately it's value-engineered like it was in the adjacent project," he said. "I really hope that isn't done beginning Monday morning, which is typically what happens."

Council also approved a loan of \$1.1 million to ARHA from the city's Housing Opportunities Fund, to be used for various infrastructure improvements that are standard in such a redevelopment project.

At council's November 9

legislative meeting, city housing director Helen McIlvaine said the source of the loan is proceeds from ARHA's repayment of the loan it received for the redevelopment of its Glebe Park property.

On Saturday, ARHA president and CEO Roy Priest handed City Manager Mark Jinks a check for over \$480,000 as part of that repayment, and said an additional payment of \$5.8 million will be forthcoming once the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approves the sum.

The project will return to the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review, which will refine the project's architecture, ahead of granting a certificate of appropriateness to allow it to proceed. Nathan Imm, an official with the department of planning and zoning, said the city's landlord-tenant relations board will hold a public hearing in December to consider ARHA's proposed relocation plan for current residents of the property.

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## Foodie

RECIPES, TRENDS and TIPS

### A Thanksgiving dinner from Alexandria's farmer's markets

BY DENISE DUNBAR

In the spirit of “shop local,” I set out last Saturday to see if it’s possible to buy your entire Thanksgiving dinner, from soup to pie, at the Del Ray and Old Town farmer’s markets.

Happily, the answer is yes. Or rather, yes but ABC — all but cranberries. Since the best farmer’s markets are locally — or at least regionally — sourced and cranberries grow in the bogs of Nantucket and locales of similar latitude, their absence was expected.

The star of the Thanksgiving table is the bird, and The Lamb’s Quarter at the Old Town market and Smith Meadows at Del Ray both sell turkeys. But they must be pre-ordered.

James Bourne at The Lamb’s Quarter takes orders beginning in October and delivers them to Alexandria the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. He is unfortunately sold out for this year, but Elli at Smith Meadows confirmed they will continue to take orders until they sell out through noon on Friday. To reserve a bird, go to [www.smithmeadows.com](http://www.smithmeadows.com). The turkeys will be available for pickup at the Del Ray market on Saturday.

Most Thanksgiving tables



PHOTOS/DENISE DUNBAR

contain some version of potatoes, whether as candied yams, sweet potato casserole or whipped potatoes. Numerous stands at both markets offer spuds aplenty, including Spring Valley Farm and Dunham Farms at the Old Town market.

Likewise, there are many options for green vegetables, including gorgeous fresh green beans and broccoli from Three Way Farm at the Del Ray market or mouth-watering Brussels sprouts at the Spring Valley Farm stand.

Stuffing can be made from sourdough boule from the Bread and Water stand in Old Town or a baguette from Grace’s Pastries in Del Ray. If you want to make your own chicken broth for the stuffing, you can buy fresh chickens at The Lamb’s Quarter and Bon Vivant stalls in Old

Town, while leeks are available at the Dunham Farms stand. Many variations of autumn gourds are available for a first-course soup — or in the case of pumpkin, for pie. Toigo Orchards at the Del Ray market had plentiful butternut squash, while Spring Valley Farm in Old Town had acorn squash of varying sizes.

Both markets had many varieties of beautiful apples for apple pie or applesauce, as well as fresh pressed apple cider. The displays at the Ashton Farms and Spring Valley Farm stands in Old Town were works of art.

Finally, your centerpiece can come from one of the markets’ several flower sellers. Alex Koubek’s florist stand at the Old Town market had a variety of bright and fall colored bouquets, while Dunham Farms sells ornamental corn popularly called Indian corn that looks great on a front door or as part of a centerpiece display.

There’s much to be thankful for in Alexandria, including our local farmer’s markets. Let them help you make this year’s Turkey Day the freshest and healthiest yet.



PHOTOS/DENISE DUNBAR

# Set a triumphant tabletop

BY ELAINE MARKOUTSAS

As the holiday entertaining calendar unfolds and stepped up demands are made on the table, thoughts turn to menus, prep and presentation.

Make styling the seasonal table fun, not stressful, especially with a little tweaking of what has worked in the past. Whether you go all homespun, boho, bold and bright, glittery, or mix it up with an eclectic look that's casually elegant and chic, there's a lot of latitude for table dressing in the context of your own home's decor.

And there are plenty of style choices. Even if you opt for the

tried-and-true, traditional table settings that might include heirloom china — pieces held dear by grandmothers, moms or favorite aunts — there's always room for a fresh ingredient, just as there is for a new recipe.

Retailers (both brick and mortar and online) have streamlined the shopping process by expanding all categories of entertaining, with thematic options for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas, as well as glamorous offerings that can serve New Year's Day and other more formal events year round. As you navigate, you're likely to see recurring themes.



PHOTO/WILLIAMS-SONOMA  
Striking stoneware plates in rich shades of blue resemble graphic tile patterns. The sets of four, which make a beautiful presentation for Hanukkah, have golden accents and are perfect for hors d'oeuvres, salads or desserts. The microwave- and dishwasher-safe dishes are from Williams-Sonoma.

Choosing some key pieces — salad plates, serving bowls and serveware, place mats, napkin rings — can add just the spark you need to freshen up the table.

Take cues from popular blogs and from retailer websites, such as Crate and Barrel, which advises creating “a curated, collected look instead of going matchy-matchy.” Also, “celebrate contrasts like shiny and matte, metallic with rough hewn.” These also are trends in home decor, and they span a wide range of decorating styles.

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This beautiful historic home (right) sits just a block from King Street. The wonderful outdoor space (above) is perfect for entertaining.

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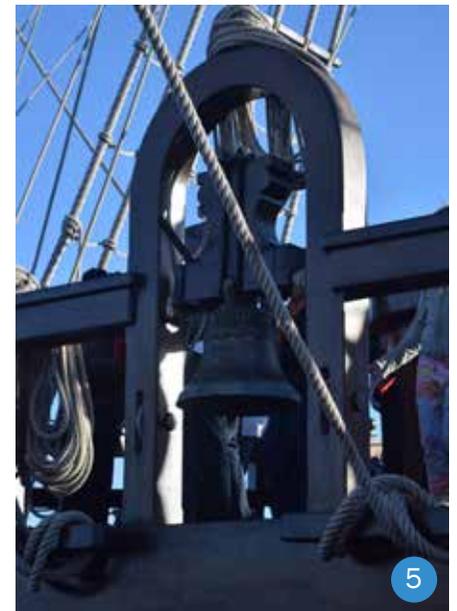
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1. The Alexandria Film Festival held a special event at Market Square on November 10. Mayor Allison Silberberg played harmonica with the opening band, Free Flowing Musical Experience.

2. Residents watch a screening of "Nighthawks on the Blue Highway."

3. The Nighthawks perform live on stage after their documentary

4. The waterfront's history as one of America's primary trading ports came back to life recently, as El Galeon, a replica of a 17th century Spanish Galleon, visited. With three masts that hold six sails in place, El Galeon dominated the other marine traffic on the waterfront.

5. El Galeon's bell, which was used to indicate the time aboard ship to regulate the crew's duties.

6. You never know what you might find lurking inside a cupboard on deck.

7. One of several anchors that would have been dropped to keep El Galeon in place.

8. Although it was primarily a trading ship, El Galeon, like other merchant vessels, was equipped with cannons to defend itself.

9. From a lookout high atop the main mast, the crew of El Galeon could spot any trouble on the horizon.

10. The ship's wheel, which set the course for the wind-powered vessel as it traversed the high seas.

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**November 19**

**VIRGINIA CIDER TASTING** In

partnership with the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee, The Lyceum offers a cider tasting as part of Virginia Cider Week. Cider was a common drink enjoyed in 18th century Alexandria, and cider is commonly made in the Caen region of France. Enjoy samples of a selection of Virginia ciders, as well as light hors d'oeuvres.  
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**November 20**

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**November 25**

**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY** An official city event at which the city Christmas tree is lit as part of a program that includes a welcome by the town crier, appearances by the mayor and other city officials, a visit from Santa and performances for residents and visitors to open the holiday season.  
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**Location:** The Atrium Building, 277 S. Washington St.  
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Table decorations really spring to life with an artful presentation of fruit and produce of the season. Real Simple magazine says that it just takes a trip to the farmer's market or grocery store to create the bountiful look shown in its current issue: red apples, pomegranates, green and red grapes, fancy pumpkins or squash, acorns, purple cauliflower — “in a loosely undulating line.” The beauty of such a riot of colors is its permission to “pair with any mismatched patterned dishes you have on hand for an easygoing vibe.”

Celebrate the season. It's always exciting to see what's new in seasonal motifs, just as it is to check out the latest ornaments and lights for the holidays. Some of the obvious symbols of autumn, winter and the holidays — leaves, pumpkins, turkeys, Pilgrims, Hanukkah menorahs, stars of David, reindeer, trees, angels, nutcrackers and snowflakes — have become signature looks for some china companies. Each year, new painterly or graphic imagery lends an artisanal element, which always is appealing because of the handcrafted look.

Some images are more like sketches, often whimsical and sometimes childlike. The trend of scripted messages hasn't faded, either, with simple directives. Earthenware appetizer plates decorated with pumpkins, feath-



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Embrace the room: Setting the table is part of setting the scene. Here, organic, whitewashed oak furniture and soft green eucalyptus on the mantel and table create a warm, inviting ambience. The Zari floral embroidered 90-inch-long, 15 1/2-inch-wide runner from Wisteria was inspired by ecclesiastical vestment stoles, and the burnished Italianate candle on the mantel by 18th-century altar candles. All-white dinnerware is the perfect accompaniment.

ers, acorns and leaves from Pier I each display a different message: “Grateful Hearts,” “Gather Together,” “Count Your Blessings,” “Always Be Grateful.”

Add a pop of color. It's so easy to layer in your fave hue or those of the season — autumnal orange, aubergine, gold and berry tones, red and green, or blue and silver — especially on neutral tables, which really can add life. Stretching the boundaries of the traditional can be exciting, too (like hot pink and a more citrus-y green, or coral

and olive, or different shades of blue, such as teal and turquoise). Colors can explode in a centerpiece of fresh flowers or fruit — or on a tablecloth, or the napkins (also the perfect spot for layering in patterns). Introduce modern patterns or unexpected colors, as in a beautiful fresh paisley print table runner in apricot and rusty red on a natural linen ground from Pottery Barn that will make the table memorable. Plaids in different scales are again gaining

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traction, and you'll find them in both red and autumnal blends on linens, serveware and plates, with borders or allover patterns. Consider the colors of the foods you serve and imagine how those hues, along with the tabletop pieces, will be integrated.

Adorn with a touch of beads and bling. Just like baubles you'd wear, beaded accessories are the perfect dress-up touch. They can be subtle — like "gold dust," a simple thread woven into the fabric of place mats, tablecloths, runners or napkins. Or a little beading on place mats — borders or allover — that catches the candlelight. The glow from mercury glass candles, crystal or a mirrored place mat can add a dazzling element. Another idea to consider: strands of LED lights. Tiny bulbs or stars snaking down the center of the table bring their own magic and sparkle.

Turn to a classic: White. A universal favorite for dinnerware and serving pieces, white is pristine and so versatile. Just as in decor, white on white, especially defined by shape and texture, can be very elegant, particularly when teamed with metallic accents. Embossing and scalloped edges add a bit of a flourish, but simple, streamlined round or square shapes have a modern appeal. Many themed salad plates and serveware have a white ground, so they lend themselves well to mixing.

Complement with gold, copper, silver. Weaving metallics into the tabletop lends warmth and shine. It's a natural adjunct to home furnishings trends, where the metals especially stand out as accent pieces. Mottling, relief and hammering lend texture. Flatware, serving dishes, charger plates and candlesticks also are prime candidates. Don't forget glassware. There's a wide range of metallic embellishment, from swirls to polka dots, stripes to geometrics on



PHOTO/BALLARD DESIGNS

A richly painted pheasant is the centerpiece of these 9-inch porcelain accent plates from Ballard Designs, created by one of its in-house artists. The image is surrounded by popular pheasant recipe titles in French script, including au chou ("with cabbage and herbs"), en croute ("in a pastry") and braised with champignons des bois (wild mushrooms"), a charming accent. Layering over faux bois quilted place mats and plaid adds a sophisticated rustic touch.

glass. The lush add-on can be dressed up or down, with formal or casual dinnerware.

Decorate with natural elements. Riffing off the outdoor landscape or some of the imagery on plates, go for real pumpkins, gourds, evergreens, berry branches or well-crafted facsimiles in wood, resin or glass. Wood and wood grains are especially popular elements of home decor, and they're showing up in chunky charger plates (at Ballard Designs, where the mango wood pieces stand 1 3/4 inches tall and have bark edges), and faux bois patterns in fabric.

Make it your own. Create a personal connection — salt and pepper shakers or a gravy boat that once graced your grandmother's table; pieces handcrafted by your children; a small collection of pottery gathered from travels; personalized place cards; family photos from previous holidays in decorative frames that are part of the centerpiece or on a dining room sideboard.

The inviting table, as well

as the aromas of good food, will seduce all family and friends to gather around. And the visual feast will long be remembered.

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bagpipes and drums, Scottish dancers, reenactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries, classic cars, Santa Claus and much more. The parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe streets and concludes at Market Square with a massed band concert.

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Location:** Old Town

**Information:** [www.campagnacenter.org](http://www.campagnacenter.org)

**SCOTTISH WALK PARADE**

**OPEN HOUSE** Step back in time to see Carlyle House decorated for the holidays in the style of the 18th century. John Carlyle, one of Alexandria's town founders, was a British merchant of Scottish descent. Come into the museum to warm up after the Scottish Walk Parade and learn more about 18th-century Alexandria.

**Time:** Noon to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St.

**Information:** 703-549-2997

**ARCHAEOLOGY ORNAMENT DECORATING WORKSHOP**

Decorate take-home paper ornaments using shapes, colors and patterns from the city's finest 18th and 19th-century excavated artifacts. Admission is free. No registration required.

**Time:** 1 to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Suite #327

**Information:** 703-746-4399 or [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org)

**HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS**

At sundown, Alexandria's harbor lights up as dozens of illuminated boats cruise the Potomac

River at the historic waterfront. The boats are always dressed to impress a panel of judges who will award prizes in a dozen categories including Best in Show, Thinking Outside the Christmas Box, and Hardest Souls.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Potomac River waterfront

**Information:** 703-746-3301 or [www.visitalexandriava.com/holidays](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/holidays)

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**Time:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Location:** Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St.

**Information:** 703-746-5565

**December 10**

**CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS IN CAMP**

An interpretive holiday event featuring a Union patriotic Santa Claus, soldiers in winter camps and a Victorian tree in the museum. Visit the Officers' Hut decorated for the season, and tour the historic fort with a soldier. Children can make a period holiday card or ornament. Program is weather dependent.

**Time:** Noon to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road

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## Our View

### Delaying sewer improvements would be a waste

Look out Alexandria: It appears we are in for a lot of public building, and unfortunately spending, in the years to come.

A growing number of capital improvement projects have been either proposed or approved in the last 18 months, which altogether total nearly \$1 billion Alexandria taxpayers eventually will have to fork over. The fees and taxes from these projects will make recent tax increases — like last year's hike of 3 cents per \$100 of assessed property value — seem like small potatoes.

An updated and accelerated sewer control plan is the latest big infrastructure project to be placed on the table. Alexandria's sewer system is itself historic — but there's nothing quaint, charming or appealing to visitors about it.

It dates back to the early 1800s and has been in need of an extensive overhaul for decades. But the price tag for correcting raw sewage outfalls from four points into the Potomac River is estimated to be more than \$300 million.

This is on top of the staggering proposal from Schools Superintendent Alvin Crawley just last month to spend more than \$500 million on new capital improvement projects, including a tear down and complete rebuild of the Minnie Howard campus of T.C. Williams.

These projects are in addition to the still unknown portion Alexandria will have to pay toward a new Metro station at Potomac Yard. We will go out on a limb and predict the city's portion of this project will not be small.

And don't forget that just last year, city staff informed council that many of Alexandria's city-owned buildings were graded at a "D" or "F" level of repair and are in dire need of renovations. City Hall alone was estimated to need \$53 million in repairs to simply reach a "C" grade.

When all of these projects are viewed together, it becomes clear that we are faced with taxation, borrowing and spending on a scale unprecedented in Alexandria's history. This raises the question: "How the heck did we get in this situation?"

It's becoming clear that in the past, our city's leaders kicked the capital improvement can down the road for many years, applying Band-Aids instead of fully addressing needed renovations. So our current city manager, mayor and city council deserve credit for their willingness to tackle these important but unglamorous projects.

It's also clear that we can't simultaneously handle everything on the capital improvement table, no matter how compelling the need. And sadly, there's urgency to each instance.

Historic City Hall, which is crumbling, is one of Alexandria's treasures. It must be preserved for future generations.

Our schools are overcrowded. The Patrick Henry School rebuild, another new school on the West End and redistricting are projected to ease this issue at the elementary level for the foreseeable future. But T.C. Williams' enrollment continues to swell, hence the need for the Minnie Howard campus rebuild.

And as the Potomac Riverkeepers pointed out during Saturday's city council hearing, the Potomac River needs to be cleaned up — not in 2032, but now. It's horrifying to contemplate another 15 to 20 years of raw sewage pouring from Alexandria into the river.

Our city staff and elected officials have their work cut out for them as they try to discern the greatest need from among these competing big-ticket items. The can that's been kicked the longest is Alexandria's sewer system. It may finally be time to stop kicking and pick it up.

# Opinion

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## Your Views

### Judge just the latest to err in La Bergerie decision

To the editor:

Connecting three decision dots led to a wrong end. The dots: the planning commission decision allowing restaurant La Bergerie to move into a residential neighborhood. This decision was supported by one made by city council.

The third decision was made by a retired judge. He declared community benefits outweigh individual rights.

This decision-making string wronged those who reside in the neighborhood into which the La Bergerie restaurant wants to move. The homeowners were so aggrieved by the first two

decisions that they took legal action, foolishly believing the city should preserve their right to enjoy the tranquility of their homes.

I'm sure they also believed the judge would at least agree that cronyism existed during the decision-making process. Why else would a former mayor, related to the owners of the restaurant, appear at a planning commission hearing?

The hapless residents were no doubt shocked to learn that their right to enjoy peace and quiet in their homes was trumped by city council's quest for ever greater tax revenues.

Clearly, our avaricious city council, supported by a round-heels pro-development planning commission, believes they can reap more money from a larger La Bergerie.

Perhaps the city will get marginally more tax revenue from an expanded La Bergerie restaurant and inn. And perhaps La Bergerie will make a good neighbor.

But this is wrong: pretending cronyism didn't exist and not making paramount the right of residents to enjoy the peace and quiet of their homes.

- Jimm Roberts  
Alexandria

### Enforce the laws for Alexandria's cyclists

To the editor:

I no longer drive into Old Town between March and December. I once did, 10 to 15 times per year.

I ceased after almost being hit by a biker running a Stop sign near the Torpedo Fac-

tory. He never slowed down or even glanced at me while I was stopped at the intersection.

Reckless bicyclists blow through Stop signs habitually. Businesses suffer, because I don't want the liability if I

whack one or if they whack me. Perhaps the city should enforce the laws for bikes, rather than taking car lanes and on-street parking for the 1 percent of residents who bike?

- Michael Hepple  
Alexandria

## New administration must protect Social Security

To the editor:

Hooray! The 2016 election is over. We have been through a contentious time, and now we can give time and serious consideration to supporting the structures that support us.

At the top of my list is Social Security. We need our leaders to take a stand to keep Social Security financially strong.

Putting Social Security at the top of our national agenda will enable all of us to plan for our futures, and our children to plan for theirs. Financial plan-

ning is important to our futures — for all of us. But the uncertainty of strong funding for Social Security leaves us unable to do that.

Think about this: if our leaders fail to act, future retirees stand to lose nearly 25 percent of their benefits. If this happened today, average family income for people over 65 ultimately would drop by \$4,500 after a 25 percent cut. In Virginia, the poverty rate among older residents would soar.

This could be devastating to many fami-

lies. Based on today's data, it would force nearly 53,000 Virginians into poverty. Older Virginians' ability to pay for their basic needs could be compromised by these cuts — Americans' average health care costs are more than \$9,000 per year.

The time for reflection has passed. Taking care of our individual financial planning requires us each to demand action on the future of Social Security funding.

- Jane Malik  
Alexandria

## Lt. Gov. Northam is truly an advocate for veterans

To the editor:

September 1, 2015 was my final day in uniform as a Marine and, after serving nearly for 23 years, I searched for another means to serve. I found Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam and his work with Virginia veterans.

Northam knows what it means to be a veteran. As a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, he was instilled with the call to serve his country. So it is only fitting that after graduating from the Eastern Virginia School of Medicine, Northam dedicated his medical knowledge to serving as a physician in the U.S. Army, where he treated evacuated casualties during Operation Desert Storm. Northam has advocated for our armed service members and supported veteran

programs throughout his career.

Supporting our veterans includes making jobs available for veterans. Northam and the administration have taken the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) program to the next level. V3 has encouraged 690 companies to commit to hiring veterans to ensure veterans have access to good-paying jobs. Since 2012, more than 20,000 veterans have been hired through the program.

And Northam's work continues. He is a proud advocate of a pilot program to connect returning military medics and corpsmen to private sector healthcare jobs.

When discussing his support included within the \$13 million investment into Veterans' Services, Northam said, "Currently, these high-

ly-skilled and experienced men and women may have to spend two or more years out of work while they seek civilian credentials. That's no way to treat our veterans who have put their lives on the line for our safety."

As a result of this program, hundreds of veterans were able to get jobs in civilian health care systems across Virginia.

As a U.S. Army veteran of eight years, Ralph Northam knows what it means to serve our country, and as lieutenant governor, he has shown what it means to serve our veterans. As governor, Northam will be able to continue to serve our veterans, and we can rest assured that they will be in good hands.

- Chris Reese  
Alexandria



## Senior Corner

by JoAnn Callender and Cedar Dvorin

### Save on prescription drug costs during open enrollment

During Medicare's open enrollment period, which runs from October 15 until December 7, Alexandria Medicare insurance counselors will host open enrollment events to help residents with Medicare Part D prescription drug plans ensure they have the least expensive plan that covers their medications.

Many people say, "I think I have a good plan." But not reviewing your plan could cost you. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, most Medicare Part D beneficiaries will pay higher premiums in 2017 if they do not switch their plans.

Everyone with a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan should review their options during this period to make sure their current plan continues to meet their needs.

Each year, the monthly amount you pay for your plan — the premium — and the cost of each prescription may increase or decrease. Plans also can change the drugs covered — the formulary — and the amount of the annual deductible, which is the amount you must pay before your prescription drug plan kicks in. In addition, new plans may be added for next year, and your plan may no longer be offered.

This year, Alexandrians can pick from 23 plans. The premiums range from \$17 to \$151.50 per month. Ten plans have the maximum deductible of \$400, while nine plans have no deductibles. In addition, UnitedHealthCare and AARP are offering a new Medicare Advantage plan in the Alexandria area.

Here are some tips to help you choose the best plan for your needs:

Read the Annual Notice of Change letter sent by Medicare. This contains important information about changes in your benefits.

Make sure the plan you choose covers all of your prescriptions in the dosage recommended by your doctor.

Check to see if the plan requires "step therapy" — starting with a similar but less expensive drug — or "prior authorization" — a form your doctor

must submit before the plan will cover the medication.

When choosing a plan, make sure the pharmacy you use is in your network. If it is not, you may pay more for your prescriptions. And look at the cost to receive your medications by mail. This sometimes can result in significant savings.



JoAnn Callender

After you do your research, call the plan to confirm what you have learned. Keep a record of the conversation, including, the date, time and the phone number you called from and the name of the plan representative with whom you spoke.

Here are three ways to learn about your options:

Free, unbiased and confidential assistance in Alexandria is available at the city division of aging and adult services. Visit [www.alexandriava.org/aging](http://www.alexandriava.org/aging) or call 703-746-5999 and ask for the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program — or VICAP — counselor.

Use Medicare's Plan Finder at: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). Select the green tab on the upper left side called "Find Health and Drug Plans."

Or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. Help is available in many languages.

Open Enrollment is an excellent time to check your Medicare summary notices and the Part D explanations of benefits, to help prevent Medicare fraud and abuse. If you see charges for something you did not receive, contact Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-800-938-8885.

VICAP is a free program offering individualized counseling to help with a wide range of insurance related issues such as understanding Medicare and Medicaid Benefits. The Alexandria VICAP program is managed by the city division of aging and adult services.

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## OUT OF THE ATTIC

# World War II and redevelopment in the west

Two aerial photographs taken 12 years apart of the West End of Alexandria show the massive change that occurred in the community in the years before and after World War II.

A 1949 aerial view recently discussed in this column traced the early suburban transformation of the region, but this 1937 view of the same area provides a last glimpse of the rural nature of the area before war began.

The diagonal highway that bisects the image is the two-lane King Street, which at the time formed the border between Fairfax County to the south and Arlington County to the north. Braddock Road runs along the lower portion of the view, with a north-south route named Seminary Road, now realigned as North Quaker Lane and Radford Street, running from north to south along the right side.

In 1937, only the sliver of land to the east of that Seminary Road was included within the city limits. The two major properties of landed gentry located within this zone were Menokin, the country home of Robert E. Lee's cousin Cassius Lee, who fled to Long Island, N.Y. during the American Civil War, and Hampton, built by Alexandria founder John Carlyle in 1770. Menokin occupied the triangular property between King Street and Braddock Road



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and Hampton on the north side of King Street, with the manor house in the upper left corner at the western edge of a huge open field. To the west of these early plantations, populated areas dropped off dramatically, with massive virgin forests extending for miles, still intact from the days when Native Americans occupied a Necostin Indian village nearby.

The Hampton property was in the hands of John Carlyle by 1756, just a few years after he built a downtown manor house on North Fairfax Street that now operates as a museum. Carlyle was one of several Scottish founders of the city who dabbled in real estate on the western outskirts of the new town for seasonal respite and agricultural pursuits.

When Carlyle built a planta-

tion on the property in 1770, he cleared a substantial portion of the land to the southeast for a stud farm. Originally the 534-acre Carlyle tract was named Torthorwald, after the castle of the same name in Dumfries, Scotland, but later it was renamed Morven by his heirs after a site in the western highlands of Northern Scotland. The estate remained in the Carlyle family for over a century.

In 1879, the estate was acquired by Hawkins Smith, who renamed the site Hampton, and whose son maintained a notable horse farm on the site until the mid-1920s. Under new ownership, the property began to be subdivided and used for other purposes. The careful viewer will note a recreational baseball diamond adjacent to the infamous King Street crossroads

and the darkened slash across the upper field indicates a grass landing strip for small airplanes.

In the early summer of 1941, just four years after this image was taken, Virginia Department of Highways director Henry G. Shirley authorized construction of a new highway linking the new Pentagon office building to be built just to the north and U.S. Route 1 at Woodbridge, Va. Construction of the Shirley Highway began only three months later, and the Hampton manor house was one of the first to be demolished

for the four-lane superhighway built directly through the structure's footprint.

When the first leg of the freeway opened in October 1943, the once remote lands along its right-of-way were immediately targeted for dense development. Responding to orders of President Franklin Roosevelt, Hampton's remaining 340 acres of open fields and woodlands were replaced by the 3,439-unit housing development known as Fairlington, the nation's largest housing development at the time. Within a decade almost every empty land area within this view would be developed.

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## Weekly Poll

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### Last Week

Have you attended a high school sports event in Alexandria this fall?

● 79% No. ● 21% Yes.

48 Votes

### This Week

Which capital improvement project is most urgent?

A. Sewer revamp. B. Minnie Howard rebuild.  
C. Potomac Yard Metro. D. City Hall renovation.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Petition for Termination of Parental Rights G.L. c. 210 § 3		Docket No: M15AD155CIV	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
in the matter of: Baby Girl Formah aka Lukisha Imani Formah			
To:	and any unknown or unnamed father, parent(s) of the above named child.	Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617)755-5800	
* A putative father will not have standing as a party to this case without a voluntary acknowledgment of parentage or an adjudication of paternity.			
A petition has been presented to said court by Adoptions with Love, Inc, Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464 representing that the parent(s) of the child lack(s) current ability, capacity, fitness and readiness to assume parental responsibility for the child, that the petitioner's plan for the child will serve the child's best interests, and requesting that this Honorable Court enter a decree under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 210, Section 3, that shall have the effect of terminating the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the custody, guardianship, adoption or other disposition of the child named herein.			
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Cambridge ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 12/12/2015			
YOU ARE ENTITLED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IF YOU ARE AN INDIGENT PERSON. An indigent person is defined by SJC RULE 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving AFDC, EAEDC, poverty related veterans benefits, food stamps, refugee resettlement benefits, medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager/Adoptions Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed above to obtain the necessary forms.			
WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.			<i>Eric E. DeChetfaro</i> Register of Probate
Date: October 12, 2015			

## ABC NOTICE



Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control  
2901 Heritage Road / P.O. Box 27491, Richmond, VA 23261  
www.abc.virginia.gov

### RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATION—PART 2 (POSTING AND PUBLISHING)

#### PUBLISHING NOTICE

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IS-4 rev. 9/2011. This is an official state document. All information contained or identified therein is public information. Please refer to privacy statement (pg. 3) regarding personal information. Reference instructions (provided separately) with questions. Retail License Application, page 11

## LEGAL NOTICE

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA

KOLAPO O. ABIMBOLA  
Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: CL 15-857

SAHELI A. SINGH  
Defendant.

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for Plaintiff, Kolapo O. Abimbola, to obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony from the Defendant, Saheli A. Singh, on the ground that the parties have lived separate and apart without any cohabitation and without interruption for more than twelve (12) months pursuant to § 20-91(A)(9) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. It appearing by affidavit filed according to law that diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain in what county and state Saheli A. Singh, the above-named Defendant, resides, without effect, it is therefore ordered that the Defendant appear before this Court on or before January 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to protect her interests herein. It is further ordered that on January 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the Plaintiff will appear before this court for the purposes of setting a final hearing on the issues of grounds of divorce.

ENTERED SEPTEMBER 29, 2016,  
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By *Christalyn M. Jest*  
Deputy Clerk

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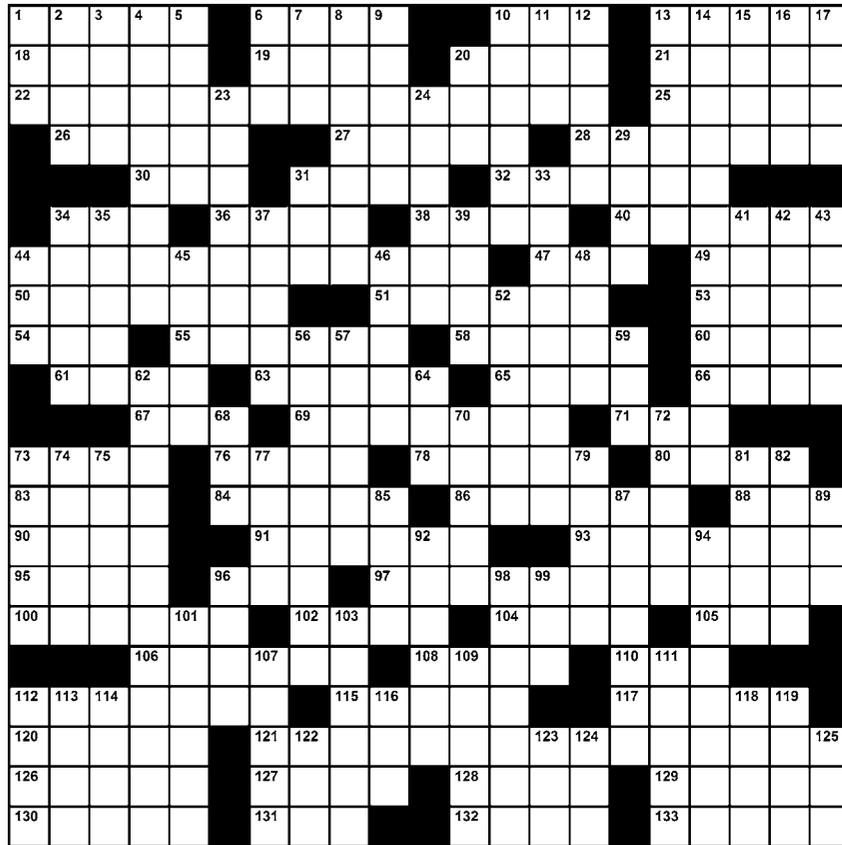
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# Weekly Words



## LIKE IT OR NOT By Timothy E. Parker

**ACROSS**

- 1 Terra \_\_\_ (brownish-red earthenware)
- 6 Brings a halt to
- 10 Leaves from China?
- 13 Deity of Islam
- 18 Some orchestra woodwinds
- 19 Needing liniment, e.g.
- 20 Blowgun missile
- 21 Regional flora and fauna
- 22 How it may rain?
- 25 U.S. place known for rubber
- 26 Jose Carreras is one
- 27 Raccoonlike mammal
- 28 Holds in high regard
- 30 Cash provider
- 31 Go bad
- 32 Manatee
- 34 Nut on a wheel
- 36 Flag down, as a cab
- 38 Word with hall or slicker
- 40 "Make \_\_\_ at the light"
- 44 How some things sell?
- 47 Emulate a tide, at times
- 49 Jet type
- 50 Winning regularly, in Vegas
- 51 Short melodic recitative
- 53 Part of a doctor's order, often
- 54 Survey choice
- 55 Three-legged decorative table
- 58 Unstressed vowel
- 60 Requires no alteration
- 61 Cut copy, to an editor
- 63 Like some energy panels
- 65 Chitchat
- 66 Dangerous time for Caesar
- 67 Not well
- 69 How the insane do things?
- 71 Put on the TV

73 "Star \_\_\_: The Next Generation"

- 76 Knife, to a con
- 78 Not major
- 80 Tidy
- 83 Far from plentiful
- 84 \_\_\_ on (mollycoddles)
- 86 Most recently created
- 88 Party appetizer
- 90 Bone in the arm
- 91 Letter flourishes
- 93 Auto service shop's offering
- 95 Board game opportunity, sometimes
- 96 "\_\_\_ So Shy" (Pointer Sisters hit)
- 97 How the enthusiastic do things?
- 100 Third-person contraction
- 102 Neatnik's opposite
- 104 Crossword part
- 105 Inc., in London
- 106 Caramelized sugar treat
- 108 Desire
- 110 Wedding affirmation
- 112 Place in Kansas
- 115 More capable
- 117 Type of gas or cell
- 120 Set of moral values
- 121 How the energetic do things?
- 126 Breakfast biscuit
- 127 Told a whopper
- 128 "Not only that ..."
- 129 Ladder steps
- 130 Mob enforcers
- 131 Rocker Vicious or comic Caesar
- 132 Fail to keep a secret
- 133 Single-mast vessel

**DOWN**

- 1 Rank above maj.
- 2 Short bio in passing?

- 3 Take a puff
- 4 Any 13-year-old
- 5 Wide type of tie
- 6 More than -er
- 7 Negative responses
- 8 One providing a pain in the neck
- 9 Mexican Mister
- 10 Follower of Lao-tzu
- 11 Small fraction of a joule
- 12 Currently on the ocean
- 13 Nullifier, in law
- 14 How quickly things can spread?
- 15 Folk legend
- 16 Thing smaller than a molecule
- 17 Brinker with the skates
- 20 EPA-banned substance
- 23 T-shirt opening
- 24 One of Santa's reindeer
- 29 One who's not out on called strikes?
- 31 \_\_\_-tac-toe
- 33 Cosmetics counter purchase, sometimes
- 34 Like notebook paper
- 35 Czar's decree
- 37 Book for site-readers?
- 39 Horn-headed goddess
- 41 Earthlike shape
- 42 "\_\_\_ makes waste"
- 43 Salon sweep-up
- 44 Actress Myrna
- 45 Monopoly purchase
- 46 Boat backward and forward?
- 48 Place for some flakes
- 52 Gasoline rating word
- 56 Courteous formality

- 57 Musical with a Twist
- 59 Police blotter abbr.
- 62 To an exceeding degree?
- 64 Sleep phase
- 68 Hallucinogenic popular in the 1960s
- 70 Capital of Belarus
- 72 Emcee's duty
- 73 "In God We \_\_\_"
- 74 Honeymooner Kramden
- 75 Half of a Sesame Street duo
- 77 Fire truck item
- 79 Prefix meaning "straight"
- 81 Modify for a new use
- 82 Exhausted
- 85 Storage cylinder on a farm
- 87 Canned fish
- 89 For each one
- 92 Tibia's neighbor
- 94 Vividly interesting, like characters
- 96 Lift to determine weight
- 98 It's stuffed in a Chinese restaurant
- 99 "How \_\_\_ ya?"
- 101 Declares, as an opinion
- 103 Wasn't a good faucet
- 107 Niagara \_\_\_
- 109 Place to dry out, informally
- 111 Beloved folks
- 112 9 o'clock, in directions
- 113 Thing to scratch
- 114 French endearment
- 116 Place to retire
- 118 Alcoholic beverage with pasta
- 119 "Cogito, \_\_\_ sum"
- 122 Three on a sundial
- 123 Red-white-and-blue inits.
- 124 Weep
- 125 What a medium claims to have

## Obituaries

**STUART R. BIGGS (32)**, of Alexandria, October 26, 2016

**JAY S. FEIN (79)**, of Alexandria, November 7, 2016

**VELORA A. JERNIGAN-PEDRICK**, of Alexandria, November 8, 2016

**RALPH M. MALCOLM (62)**, of Alexandria, November 9, 2016

**KEITH D. McDONALD (86)**, of Alexandria, November 12, 2016

**STEPHEN M. MOORE (62)**, formerly of Alexandria, November 4, 2016

**WILLIS G. OWENS JR. (73)**, formerly of Alexandria, November 5, 2016

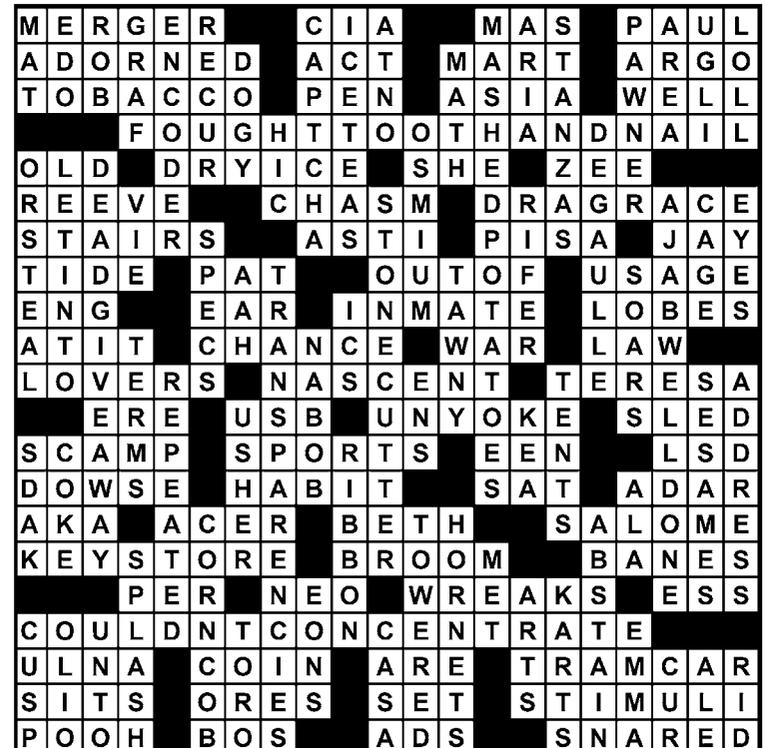
**JOAN G. WHEELER (82)**, formerly of Alexandria, October 25, 2016

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## Last Week's Solution:



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## LEGAL NOTICE



### ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 2016

The items described below will be heard by the Planning Commission and the City Council on the dates and times listed below. NOTICE: Some of the items listed below may be placed on a consent calendar. A consent item will be approved at the beginning of the meeting without discussion unless someone asks that it be taken off the consent calendar and considered separately. The Planning Commission reserves the right to recess and continue the public hearing to a future date. For further information call the Department of Planning and Zoning on 703-746-4666 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/planning](http://www.alexandriava.gov/planning).

**ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016  
7:00 PM, CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
301 KING STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

**ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016  
9:30 AM, CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
301 KING STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

**Special Use Permit #2016-0041**  
**1400 Duke Street - J & S Restaurant**  
Public hearing and consideration of requests to operate a restaurant and for a parking reduction; zoned: OCM (50)/Office Commercial Medium.  
**APPLICANT:** J & S Restaurant, LLC [Deferred from the November 1, 2016 hearing.]

**Text Amendment #2016-0007**  
**Location of Accessory Buildings and Free-standing Garages**  
(A) Initiation of a Text Amendment; and (B) Public hearing and consideration of a Text Amendment to Section 7-202 and Section 7-2505 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding proximity of accessory buildings and free-standing garages located on single-family and two-family dwelling lots to buildings on adjacent lots. Staff: City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning

**Special Use Permit #2016-0007**  
**1508 Mount Vernon Avenue - Junction Bakery & Bistro**  
Public hearing and consideration of a request for an amendment to SUP #2015-0102 to allow off-premises alcohol sales; zoned: CL/Commercial Low. Applicant: Noe Landini

**Special Use Permit #2016-0081**  
**5428 Eisenhower Avenue (parcel address: 5400 Eisenhower Av) - Team Red, White & Blue**  
Public hearing and consideration of a request to operate a fraternal or private club; zoned: OCH/Office Commercial High.

**APPLICANT:** Team Red, White & Blue, represented by M. Catharine Puskas, attorney  
**Encroachment #2016-0008**

**310 South Saint Asaph Street**  
Public hearing and consideration of a request for an encroachment into the public right-of-way for a front stoop; zoned: RM/Residential Medium Townhouse.

**APPLICANT:** Cheryl Jaeger  
**Development Special Use Permit #2016-0008**

**Transportation Management Plan SUP #2016-0060**  
**930 North Henry Street - Carpenter's Shelter**  
Public hearing and consideration of requests for: (A) a Development Special Use Permit and site plan, with modifications, to construct a multifamily residential building and homeless shelter, including Special Use Permits for an increase in the number of allowable penthouses; for increased density for mixed use pursuant to Section 5-305(C); and for increased density for affordable housing pursuant to Section 7-700, and; (B) a Special Use Permit for a Transportation Management Plan; zoned: CRMUH/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (High).

**APPLICANT:** Carpenter's Shelter, represented by Duncan Blair, attorney

**Development Special Use Permit #2016-0009**  
**4643 Taney Ave - Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center**  
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a Development Special Use Permit with site plan to construct a school and community center building, including Special Use Permit requests for additional height of a public school building; for an indoor and outdoor recreation facility and community center; for more than one mechanical penthouse; for a mechanical penthouse exceeding 15 feet in height; and to increase the number of parking spaces above those required by the Zoning Ordinance; zoned R-12/Residential.  
**APPLICANT:** Alexandria City Public Schools and City of Alexandria

\*THE FOLLOWING WILL BE HEARD BY PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY (AND HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL ONLY UPON APPEAL)

**Development Site Plan #2016-0016**  
**600, 600A, 601, 602, 603, 604, 606 President Ford Lane and 1416, 1418, 1422, 1426 Janneys Lane - Oak Grove Amendment and Extension**  
Public hearing and consideration of a request for an amendment to and extension of a previously approved Development Site Plan for eight single-family homes (DSP #2004-0005) to allow construction of the remaining undeveloped Lot 9 with a new unit type and to update lot and building tabulations; zoned R-20/Residential Singlefamily.

**APPLICANT:** Oak Grove Estates, LC, represented by Jack Perkins

## LEGAL NOTICE



### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016 7:30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
301 KING STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314  
LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Information about this item may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 746-4666 or on the City's website at [www.alexandriava.gov/planning](http://www.alexandriava.gov/planning).

**BZA Case #2016-0013**  
**408 East Monroe Avenue**  
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a variance to construct a second story addition in the required rear and side yards; zoned RB/Townhouse Zone.

**APPLICANT:** Mandi Pratt-Chapman by Marta Layseca, architect

## LEGAL NOTICE



The Alexandria City School Board will hold a public hearing on the FY 2018-2027 CIP Budget during the School Board Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016, in the School Board Meeting Room located at 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria. For more information or to register to speak at the public hearing, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 703-619-8316 or email [boardclerk@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:boardclerk@acps.k12.va.us).

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## DIVORCE NOTICE

In the GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE: DISTRICT COURT DIVISION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

In the matter of the application of TAUNISHIA ZOA to procure an order dissolving her marriage to BENJAMIN J. ZOA.

**SIR: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a petition has been presented to this court by Taunishia Zoa for dissolution of your marriage on the grounds that you absented yourself for three successful years. You have been served via certified mail by the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department without response in addition to this publication. In order to contest this action, you will need to respond to this complaint no later than December 2, 2016. In any event that a response is failed upon, Taunishia Zoa seeking service of process by publication will apply to the court for the relief sought.

Any correspondence from Mr. Benjamin J. Zoa can be sent to: Taunishia Zoa  
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